

At the present time, the department holds meetings twice a month. These sessions, which are attended by both volunteers and full-time firemen, are dedicated primarily to training the fire fighting techniques and to the inspection and testing of the department's fire fighting equipment. When the new station is completed, training sessions will take place three or four times a week for the full-time men and a more regular schedule will be devised for the volunteers.

The North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau conducts inspections every four years and advises the Town on its fire defense needs and programs. The Town of Tarboro has a good fire defense rating of NB6, but the fire department has a poor rating of NB8. Since the fire department is a percentage of the fire defense rating, improvements to the department will upgrade the fire defenses as well. The fire defense rating has been held despite the fact that considerable growth has occurred over the past few years. This growth includes industrial development which demands an intensive type of fire protection.

The fire department has been able to extend its service area to meet the need of the town and the requirements of the Rating Bureau. Fire coverage which is established by the Rating Bureau includes only the area within the town limits, nevertheless, one pumper will answer calls outside the designated area.

A fire prevention code, written by the North Carolina Board of Fire Underwriters and sanctioned by the Fire Rating Bureau, is in the evaluation stages and is being considered by the Town Council.

Recommendations:

Based upon recommendations of the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau and a knowledge of the population, fire defenses and physical conditions of Tarboro, the following recommendations are made:

1. A substation should be constructed in the northwestern portion of the Town in order